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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BI-
DIRECTIONAL ACCESS TO A FASTENING
DEVICE**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1 – 8. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment to claim 1 below be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as the amendment does not raise a need for further searching or examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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